

St Ignatius of Loyola

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THE 2nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – 18th January 2026

	St Ignatius Church	St Thomas Church
Sunday 18th January 2026 The 2nd Sunday of the Year	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass	11:30am Mass
Monday 19th January	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Funeral Mass – Kevin Baird	No Mass
Tuesday 20th January	1:00pm Mass	9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass
Wednesday 21st January <i>St Agnes</i>	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass	No Mass
Thursday 22nd January	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Funeral Mass – Alice Hynds	6:30pm-6:50pm Confessions 7:00pm Mass
Friday 23rd January	8:45am Rosary 9:15am Mass	9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass
Saturday 24th January <i>St Francis De Sales</i>	9:30am Mass 3:15pm-3:45pm Confessions 4.00pm Vigil Mass	10:30am Funeral Mass – Gina Donnelly 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 25th January 2026 The 3rd Sunday of the Year	10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass	11:30am Mass



St Ignatius – available
at 10:00am Sunday Mass

St Thomas – available
at 11:30am Sunday Mass

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins today, Sunday 18th January. We pray that the will of Jesus that all will be united in his name may come to fruition.

Sunday of the Word of God

Next Sunday – 25th January the Church celebrates The Sunday of the Word of God. This day was established by Pope Francis in 2019, a day "to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God." This day seeks to remind us how essential the Word of God is to, and should be in, our lives.

Young people aged 18 years and over group

The next meeting of the Young Peoples' Group takes place this Sunday 18th January 2026 in St Ignatius Chapel House after the 6:00pm Mass at St Ignatius Church. If you and/or anyone you know would like to take part, please come and/or tell them to come along.

Western Catholic Calendar 2026

The Western Catholic Calendar 2026 is available from the Parish Stalls priced £3.50.

The Cribs and St Margaret's Children & Family Care Society

Thank you to all who left donations at the Cribs in the Churches. A total of £509.82 was received at St Ignatius and a total of £368.80 at St Thomas and these amounts will be forwarded onto St Margaret's Children & Family Care Society, formerly known as St Margaret's Adoption Society. For more information on the work of the Society, please see their website: <https://stmargaretsadoption.org.uk> or Telephone 0141 332 8371.

Day by Day Booklets

Copies of the January 2025 Day by Day booklet are available from the Parish Stalls. These booklets provide the daily readings at Mass as well as quotes from Saints.

Activity sheets for Children

A wee reminder, the activity sheets for children in Primary 1 to Primary 4 – Look and Ichthus for children in Primary 5 to Primary 7 are available at all weekend Masses. Coloured pencils are available, please return these to the case provided after Mass.



Offertory Collections – 10th/11th January –

St Ignatius - £1563.20

St Thomas - £903.00

Thank you once again to everyone who contributes to the Offertory Collections and to all those who make payments direct to the Parishes Bank Accounts.

St Andrew's Hospice – Thank You

Both Parishes received a letter of thanks last week from St Andrew's Hospice after the recent donations forwarded to the Hospice after the collections on 6th/7th December. A copy of the letters are on display on the notice boards at the entrances to the Churches. The following is included in the letter: 'I am writing to thank you for your kind donation. The care and support our team deliver wouldn't be possible without YOU! The patients and families we support are so grateful to you for everything you do to bring them comfort and peace – thank you.'

St Andrew's Hospice – Volunteers for shops

Siobhan Keenan, Area Manager of the St Andrew's Hospice shops has contacted to advise that St Andrew's Hospice are currently looking for Volunteers within their shops including their Wishaw Shop. Further information is available on the poster at the entrance to the Church and leaflets are also available.

Bingo Night

A Bingo Night is due to take place on Friday 30th January in The Loyola Centre starting at 7:00pm with eyes down at 7:30pm. It will be a money bingo, tickets priced £10 includes bingo books, tea, coffee and biscuits. BYOB. The night is for Peter Covery a Parishioner at St Ignatius who is part of the Scottish Youth Group of HCPT Scotland and will assist with the cost of his fare to travel this coming Easter 2026 to Lourdes. See poster at the entrances of both Churches for more information including how to obtain tickets.

Natural Family Planning – God's Way – Nature's Way - Fertility Care Scotland

The Billings Ovulation Method® of Natural Fertility Regulation is a successful family planning method for couples having difficulty conceiving or simply wanting to plan a family safely and naturally. For further information or details of a tutor in your area, please contact Fertility Care Scotland at info@fertilitycare.org.uk. Please also see Poster at the entrance to both Churches.

Diocesan Marriage, Family, and Life Mission

As part of Project **Wellspring** in the Diocese of Motherwell, a Diocesan Marriage, Family and Life Mission has been established. Bishop Toal has written a letter to all Diocesan priests and deacons regarding this additional Mission to **Wellspring**, copies of the letter are available at the entrances to both Churches. Part of the Mission is the identification of parishioners in every parish to establish the Mission in parishes and to represent the parish in the Diocesan Marriage, Family & Life Mission. If you would like to know more about the Mission and/or are interested in becoming an ambassador as described in the letter and the associated information, please take a copy of the letter. Subsequently, if you are interested in becoming an ambassador and/or assisting with the Mission, please speak with Fr Kevin.

Bishops of Scotland and the Catholic Parliamentary Office regarding the establishment of buffer zones within 200 metres around abortion facilities in Scotland

Further copies of the Press Release by the Bishops of Scotland and the Catholic Parliamentary Office regarding the establishment of buffer zones within 200 metres around abortion facilities in Scotland are available this weekend if you missed it last weekend along with the Parish Bulletin.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

St Ignatius Parish

The sick and housebound:

Kara Louise Jordan; Mary Graham; Alice Ann Bjorn; John Dobbin Jnr;
Rosanna Bulmer; Alfie James Milligan; Joseph Bulmer; Catherine Donnelly; Elaine McCarren;
Laura McIntosh; Helen Woods; Thomas Lally Snr; Peter Convery; Bill Wood; Ciara Loughery;
Nicholas McAnaw; Mary Goodwin; Elizabeth Cooper; Moira McDonald; John Miller; Patrick McEwan;
Kathleen McElhinney; Michael McMullen; Charles Sullivan; Grace Collins; Ellen Campbell;
Baby Archie Thomson; Martin McCallum; Jax Martin.

Deaths: Alice Hynds – Stewarton Street; Kevin Baird – Wishawhill Street; Ronnie O'Neill; Mary Sneddon.

Months Minds: Margaret Higgins.

Anniversaries & Remembrances: Owen Dougan; Helen Caldwell; Patrick & Madge Leonard;
Patrick, Ignatius, John & George Leonard; Elizabeth McFadyen; Ella McTear.

St Thomas Parish

The sick and housebound:

Mary Jackson, Derek Somerville, Maria McVitie, Rosaleen Gold, Mary Bradley, George McGowan,
Anna Divito, Josh Hillier, Betty Irvine, Margaret Devlin, Lynn McIntyre, Carl McNulty, Matt Bradley,
Muriel Brown, Thomas Kane, Adam Reilly; Dougie Meechan; Brian Dowling; Jacky Finnegan;
Michael Madden; James Reilly; Pat Shannon; John Cumberton; Maria Brown.

Deaths: Gina Donnelly – Sunart Street.

Months Minds: Michael Riley & Riley Families.

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Pat Kane & Family; Anna McStay.

POPE LEO'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION – JANUARY

For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God nourishes our lives and brings hope to our communities, building a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Parish Mission Statements – Project Wellspring

St Ignatius

"We want to encourage and support people in the practise of their faith, especially by attending Church, with the aim of helping people to grow in their faith and their relationship with the Trinity; God the Father, Jesus and The Holy Spirit."

St Thomas'

"Our mission is to embrace and share the teachings of Christ, fostering a spiritual community of love, compassion and service. We are dedicated to nurturing faith, empowering our parishioners and extending our reach into the wider community to make a positive impact and promote spiritual growth."



The next meetings of the Parishes' Project Wellspring Co-ordinating Groups are:
St Thomas' - Tuesday 3rd February 2026 at 7:00pm in St Thomas Parish Centre; and
St Ignatius' – Monday 9th February 2026 at 7:00pm in St Ignatius Chapel House.

Diocesan Wellspring Pastoral Forum

The next Wellspring Pastoral Forum takes place on Tuesday 27th January at 7pm in St Joseph's Parish Hall, Blantyre. The Forum forms part of our shared diocesan journey of parish evangelisation, providing an opportunity to gather, listen and reflect together on how the Gospel is being proclaimed in our parishes today. Bishop Toal asks that all parishes are represented, and warmly encourages clergy, parish Wellspring representatives and parish teams to attend.

Financial Support in Scotland

A message from the Catholic Parliamentary Office of the Bishops Conference of Scotland: Don't Miss Out: Financial Help for Scots in 2026. As households across Scotland continue to feel the pressure of the cost-of-living crisis, many people may be missing out on vital financial support they are entitled to. To find out more about benefits that may be available, visit mygov.scot/benefits or use the QR code.



Gift Aid

Several people have recently asked to become members of the Gift Aid Schemes at both Parishes. Thank you so much to the individuals who have come forward and all those who are already members of the Gift Aid Schemes at St Ignatius' and at St Thomas' Parishes. If anyone else is interested in joining either of the Gift Aid Schemes, please speak with Fr Kevin. The forms that need to be used to join the Gift Aid Schemes are available from the entrances to the Churches and these can be completed and given to Fr Kevin also.

The Loyola Centre

The works continued last week on the completion of Phase 3 of the reinstatement of The Loyola Centre. Due to requirements for cabins/containers associated with the workers and materials required for the works the current disabled parking spaces will be changed to an alternative place in the car park, temporary signage will be put in place. The next meeting of the Loyola Centre volunteers will take place on Tuesday 10th February at 6:30pm in St Ignatius Chapel House.

Building works – Graham Street – Original St Ignatius Primary School

The works as described in the Bulletin last week commenced on the site of the original St Ignatius Primary School. These works as advised by the Council are part of the Council's "new build housing development ... to ensure the site is cleared and secure for a proposed official site start of late January 2026."

200 Club Winners for December

1st Prize – No. 198: Nathaniel Gray, 2nd Prize – No. 180 – Aiden Quinn.

Teas and ... Wednesdays after 9:30am Mass at St Ignatius Church

The teas, coffees and all continues this Wednesday 21st January in The Loyola Centre after the 9:30am Mass.

Parish Social Events in the Loyola Centre

Information about future Parish Social Events will be made available in due course.

Coffee, tea, juices and all after 10am Sunday Mass at St Ignatius Church

The next coffee, tea, juice, sausage on a roll and all, takes place this Sunday 18th January after the 10:00am Mass in The Loyola Centre.

St Thomas' Parish Centre

The following events are planned to take place, please support these as you are able and in doing so the Parish of St Thomas is also supported:

Saturday	January 24 th –	Soul night with Robert McIntosh – sold out;
Saturday	February 21 st –	Tom Jones (Robert Leonard);
Saturday	March 14 th –	St Patrick's night; and
Saturday	April 25 th –	Ying Yang

Tickets are available from members of the Parish Centre Committee.

Coffee, tea, juices and all after 11:30am Sunday Mass at St Thomas' Church

The next coffee, tea, juice and all will take place on Sunday 1st February 2026 after the 11:30am Mass.

Wednesday Club – St Thomas Parish Centre

The Wednesday Club continues this Wednesday 21st January 2026 11:30am-2:30pm in the Parish Centre.

St Thomas' SSVP Senior Citizens Party

Thank you to all who came along to the annual SSVP Senior Citizens Party last Sunday 11th January 2026, a great time was had by all. Thank you to all who kindly donated prizes for the raffle and to those who organised, prepared and volunteered at the party, including members of the St Thomas' SVDP and the St Thomas Parish Centre Committee

St Thomas' SSVP Newsletter

The latest edition of the St Thomas' SSVP Newsletter is available from the entrance to the Church.

